## PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

François MALLET et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/680,946

Examiner:

J. Fredman

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Please suspend action on this application for three months under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c).

Attached hereto is our check no. 162701 in the amount of \( \sum \) \$920.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and (i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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